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COMPUTER VIRUS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about different types of computer virus.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to control these virus?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYAND COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): A computer virus is a malicious program that hides itself in a computer`s file system. Once triggered, virus spreads itself and damages programs and data resident in the computer system. Common types of viruses and malicious programs like Trojan Horses and Worms have been brought out in Annexure.

(c): commercially available anti-virus softwares are widely used to check and control the spread of computer viruses. These softwares are regularly updated to take care of new viruses. In the event of detection of new virus, the information is shared amongst network administrators and such awareness plays a major role in containing them.